

# Safe Rides to Child Care

## Guidelines for Child Care Providers

Car crashes are the number one cause of death and serious injury for children. How can you protect the children in your care and protect yourself and your business from liability?

Make sure you know how to drive safely with children of all ages. Can you answer all of these questions?

- How do I choose the right kinds of seats for different kids?
- Are used car seats safe?\*
- How can I tell if a safety seat is on recall?
- How long should children ride facing the back of the car?
- How can I tell if a child is ready to use just a safety belt?
- Why should children ride in the back seat?
- How can I keep a child from getting out of his safety seat?
- Can I get a ticket if I make a safety seat or safety belt error?

For answers to all of these questions and more

- Go to [www.carseat.org](http://www.carseat.org).
- Call the Safe Ride Helpline (800/745-SAFE).
- Find out about child passenger safety classes in your community.

You can help parents learn to keep children safe in their own cars.

- Put up a poster describing the California child restraint law and the telephone number of the local health department. Note: this is required for licensed day care centers.
- Order brochures or make copies of reproducible handouts from SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.
- Order the Boosters Are for Big Kids kit.
- Show parents (including potential clients) that you care about their children's safety by including the Child Care Provider Transportation Information Form, available from SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A., with other information about your program.

*\*See #15, "Are Used Car Seats Safe?" and #434, "Evaluation form for Used Safety Seats (for Donor)"*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.</b> <a href="http://www.carseat.org">www.carseat.org</a> 800/745-SAFE (English)    800/747-SANO (Spanish)</p>
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